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11. (C/NF) Gaja Peric, advisor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Security Policy Division, told emboff on February 19 in response to reftel demarche that Slovenia's focus on deploying an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) in October 2010 has put discussions about a Slovenian Police OMLT (POMLT) on the backburner. Slovenia first discussed with us the idea of fielding a POMLT in Afghanistan in April 2009 (ref B). (Note: we are currently working with the GoS on its preparations to deploy an OMLT in October 2010 -- please see ref C.) Peric noted, however, that the police were "very enthusiastic" and well-prepared for a POMLT, and the MFA supports the idea as well. The holdup, according to Peric, is with Interior Minister Katarina Kresal, who oversees Slovenia's police forces and would have the ultimate say on a POMLT deployment. Peric mentioned that Foreign Minister Zbogar would likely discuss this with Kresal soon, as Slovenia is acutely aware of being one of the few EU member states not participating in the EUPOL mission in Afghanistan despite having experienced police trainers from missions in Kosovo and elsewhere.

12. (C/NF) Prime Minister Pahor's foreign policy advisor told CDA February 18 that Slovenia was considering police trainers "most likely as part of EUPOL" as a possible "deliverable" for the PM's planned visit to Afghanistan in March/April. In the short term, we see Slovenian participation in EUPOL as far more likely than deployment of a POMLT.
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